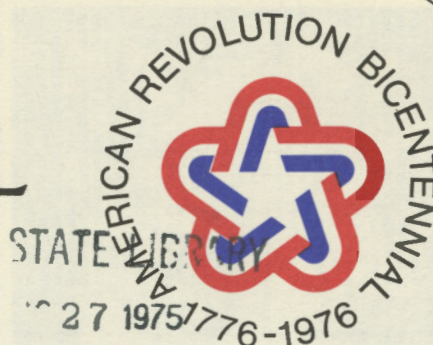




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A BICENTENNIAL SALUTE TO AMERICA

Governor James B. Edwards recently hosted the first meeting of the "Salute to America" Committee, a 26-member group appointed to plan and implement a major statewide rally to be held October 20, 1975 in honor of the Bicentennial.

The event, "We the People . . . A Bicentennial Salute to America" is being sponsored by the Governor's Office, South Carolina Bicentennial Commission and the South Carolina State Fair Association, and will take place at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.

Internationally-known entertainer Bob Hope will play a major role in the rally, which will also feature South Carolinian Frank Blair, former NBC News commentator as master of ceremonies. Invitations have been extended to President and Mrs. Ford and daughter Susan, who has been asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, the governors of the thirteen original states and other dignitaries.

Named to serve as chairman of the "Salute to America" committee, which was created by executive order of Governor Edwards, was General William C. Westmoreland of Charleston. Mrs. James F. Byrnes of Columbia will serve as honorary co-chairman.

Others named to served on the statewide committee include former governors Robert E. McNair and John West; State Representative Solomon Blatt of Barnwell, State Senators Marion Gressette of Calhoun and Rembert C. Dennis of Berkeley, and House Speaker Rex L. Carter of Greenville. South Carolina Bicentennial Commission Chairman P. Bradley Morrah of Greenville and Vice-Chairman Representative Sam P. Manning of Spartanburg were appointed.

Also named were Dr. William C. Cantey of Columbia; Dwight Holder of Hilton Head; Hemphill P. Pride of Columbia; USC Baseball Coach Bobby Richardson; Mark C. Garner of Myrtle Beach; Robert R. Coker of Hartsville; and E. C. Carr, Jr., of Dillon.

Included in appointments to the committee were Dr. William H. Patterson of Columbia; State Superintendent of Education Cyril B. Busbee; Citadel President Lt. Gen. George M. Seignious, III; Mrs. W. Brantley Harvey of Columbia; Mrs. Olin Burgdorf of Springfield; Carter C. Hardwick of Charleston; J. Kelly Sisk of Greenville; N. Truett McKenzie of Furman and Roger Milliken of Spartanburg.



Governor Appoints New Commissioner

Governor James B. Edwards has announced the addition of Mr. Arthur J. H. Clement, Jr., to the South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. A native Charlestonian, he was appointed after the General Assembly voted to increase the size of the Commission by one.

Clement is a retired insurance executive who also served five years as the director of admissions for Voorhees College in Denmark, S. C.

Active in many civic and service capacities, he is chairman of the board of trustees of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N. C. and a member of the steering committee of the Human Resources Committee of the Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Clement is a member of the planning board of Hope Center for the mentally retarded. He has received the Silver Beaver award for his extensive work with the Boy Scouts and is a vice-president of the Coastal Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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Chairman P. Bradley Morrah (far l.) and Commissioner Marion Carnell (r.) present a scroll and flag to Riegel Chairman Bob Coleman (l.) and Greenville Mayor Max Heller. Vice-Chairman Sam P. Manning (l.) presents a scroll of recognition to Southern Bell president, Harry R. Marsh.



S. C. Businesses Recognized

Riegel Textile Corporation of Greenville and South Carolina's Southern Bell offices in Columbia have received special recognition for their Bicentennial efforts through the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission's program, Achievement '76.

Bicentennial Chairman P. Bradley Morrah and SCARBC member Rep. Marion Carnell presented a scroll of recognition and Achievement '76 flag to Greenville Mayor Max Heller and Riegel Chairman Bob Coleman. Riegel, the first major corporation to receive this designation, recently held an Americana design competition in which students from across the

nation submitted textile designs reflecting "the American spirit".

In a similar ceremony, Commission Vice-Chairman Sam P. Manning presented a flag and scroll of recognition to Southern Bell president Harry R. Marsh. A Bicentennial theme is being used on all telephone directories issued in 1975 and 1976. Directories distributed in the first half of 1975 and last months of 1976 display William Ranney's famous painting "The Battle of Cowpens", while remaining ones will feature Sgt. Jasper's act of heroism at the Battle of Sullivan's Island.

Chairman Morrah said, "It is through programs such as these

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A Planning Task Force has been selected to work with the "Salute to America" Committee in the detailed planning and implementation of the program. Robert N. Pryor of Myrtle Beach will serve as chairman of this twenty-six member group. J. Douglas Donehue of Charleston and Columbians Willie Williams and Betty Blair will serve as co-vice-chairmen.

According to the project Director William R. Ballou, the South Carolina General Assembly has appropriated \$12,500 which will be matched with federal funding for the event. Ballou described the rally as "words and music to move 55,000 people to recommit themselves" to the principles on which America was founded.



that the Bicentennial will encourage citizens to learn more about our heritage and to consider that great spirit which is America's. We are proud to recognize them through our Achievement '76 program."

Through Achievement '76, the State Bicentennial Commission is calling on all businesses and organizations to "do some good thing for America in honor of her 200th birthday". Organizations making a commitment will receive an official scroll of recognition, lapel pins, and recognition as a Bicentennial participant.



Ballou Named Rally Director

South Carolina Bicentennial Commission Project Coordinator William R. Ballou has been named Executive Director of the "We the People . . . A Bicentennial Salute to America" program.

"I consider it a great opportunity to participate with the wonderful people of this state in this unique and historic event," he said. Ballou, who works with the Bicentennial Campus and Communities program and in the area of funding, will coordinate planning and implementation of this statewide rally planned for October 20, 1975.

Ballou retired in 1971 after 26 years in the U. S. Army, and was the staff director of the Governor's Task Force for Economic Growth from 1972-1974. He holds advanced degrees from Georgetown University and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

He and his wife, the former Mary G. Leffelman of Stateburg, S. C., have nine sons and live in Columbia.

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Citadel Receives Campus Designation

The Citadel has been designated South Carolina's first official Bicentennial Campus by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. Designed to stimulate greater student involvement in the Bicentennial, the Campus program recognizes colleges and universities planning comprehensive commemorations of the Nation's 200th birthday.

Earlier this year, the Citadel announced an extensive program designed to "add new glory to old glory" during the Bicentennial Era. A major facet of this plan is the "Spirit of '76 Scholarship Fund," which will award scholarships amounting to \$1,776 to selected freshmen cadets.

A historic lecture series involving nationally known speakers, special historic re-enactments and nighttime parades by the Corps of Cadets, and a Confederate costume ball are among the events planned.

To become a Bicentennial Campus, a school must form a Bicentennial committee which is broadly representative of the institution's student body, faculty and administration. Plans and programs developed by the committee must include activities under each of the three theme areas (Heritage, Festival, and Horizons). At least one project must have value lasting beyond 1976.

Schools eligible for this honor include all institutions with post-secondary programs which are wholly or principally creditable toward baccalaureate and/or associate degrees. They must be listed in the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare publication, "Education Directory, 1973-74, Higher Education." An application outlining plans and programs and signed by the Bicentennial committee chairperson and the institution's chief administrative officer must be mailed to the State commission for approval. The State Commission will forward the application to the ARBA through its regional office.



Communities Program in Full Swing

Eighteen more South Carolina communities have been designated as official Bicentennial Communities by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) bringing the number of these designations in the state to thirty-three.

The latest areas to be named are the counties of Richland, Orangeburg, Chester, Union, Abbeville, McCormick, Newberry and Sumter and the cities of Greer, Jonesville, Brunson, Florence, Lexington, Myrtle Beach, Spartanburg, Springdale, Whitmire and Cheraw.

Union County's salute to America's heritage will be partially theatrical with a planned historical drama of Union County and a costumed re-enactment of the Battle of Musgrove's Mill. Other projects on the agenda are an 18th century ball, fashion show, and concert, and the historic preservation of several sites.

Greer plans a community magazine and a motion picture centered on the history of the area. Throughout the year, public speaking contests, craft shows and a photographic contest will be held.

Richland County is planning a 57-acre Riverfront Park in Columbia that will include playground equipment, benches, and hiking and bicycle trails. The restoration of the University of South Carolina's historic Horseshoe area has also been designated a county Bicentennial project.

Bicentennial projects planned by Chester County include restoration of Chester's city hall, the presentation of patriotic plays, essay, music and athletic contests at county and city schools, and the restoration of the Daniel Elliot House.

In Orangeburg, a new Law Enforcement Complex and airport improvements are major projects. Throughout Orangeburg County there will also be Bicentennial flower shows and music festivals.

Plans to commemorate Brunson's heritage include the publication of "A History of Brunson," an original play on the area's history, and the donation of Revolutionary War period history books to the Hampton County Library.

Two major restoration efforts head Cheraw's list of Bicentennial projects. St. David's Church and the Cheraw Police Station will be restored, and other significant sites in the area will be identified by historical markers.

In Jonesville, citizens are commemorating the Bicentennial by launching a town beautification program, encouraging every home and business to fly the American flag, and by the establishment of a town museum.

In Abbeville County, the Abbeville Court Square will be restored, and the restoration of Trinity Church and the Opera House will be continued. "The Spirit of '76," an original Revolutionary War period musical comedy, will be performed in the Opera House.

McCormick County Bicentennial plans range from a "Spirit of '76 Trail Ride" to the restoration of the Buillibeaux House. Citizens will learn more about the county's history through a Bicentennial edition of the McCormick Messenger and the establishment of several historical markers.

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Staff member Betsy Wolff and Bicentennial Chairman Bradley Morrah display a replica of the Cowpens flag.

Cowpens Flag Approved

The South Carolina Bicentennial Commission has approved the Cowpens flag as an official Bicentennial flag for the state of South Carolina.

Commission Chairman P. Bradley Morrah said that the Cowpens flag is believed to be the oldest existing flag carried in combat during the American Revolution, which complied with the Continental Congress flag resolution of 1777. Sergeant Batchelor of the Maryland Line carried the original flag, which is now on display in Annapolis, Maryland.

The flag consists of 13 alternating red and white stripes and a circle of 12 stars with one star in the center, on a blue background. The Battle of Cowpens, considered one of the great American victories of the Revolution, was one of six battles for which the Continental

Congress authorized a gold medal in honor of the victory. Heroes of the engagement include soldiers from Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. General Daniel Morgan, Colonel John Eager Howard, Colonel William Washington and Colonel Andrew Pickens were among the famous commanders at Cowpens.

Chairman Morrah said that the state of Maryland is being asked to co-sponsor the Cowpens flag in a program of public awareness of our Nation's heritage. Other states will be invited to join in the effort.

Morrah expressed appreciation to the South Carolina Congressional delegation and the U. S. Department of the Interior for their work on developing the Cowpens National Battlefield, which will consist of a 845-acre park.

Ethnic Leaders Attend Meeting

Ethnic leaders from all parts of South Carolina gathered at a recent meeting hosted by South Carolina's Bicentennial Commission to discuss Bicentennial involvement of the state's minority groups.

Representatives to the meeting outlined many Bicentennial projects underway by ethnic groups in the state and discussed the need to make visible the many contributions made by these citizens to the founding and growth of South Carolina.

Bicentennial Commission member Arthur J. H. Clement said, "I have a deep feeling that the Negroes of South Carolina have an integral interest in the Bicentennial inasmuch as our forebears have played a significant and important part in the total history of the state. As I study our history and observe the entwining of the laborers, craftsmen and artisan expertise of slaves and freedmen over these past two centuries of South Carolina history, I see no way you can separate the history of one race from the contributions of the other."

Charleston's extensive programs concerning black history and culture were discussed. A month-long Founders' Festival celebrating black contributions to the culture and growth of that city featured an African banquet highlighted by authentic African foods and a visit from the Ambassador of Senegal. Charleston's Afro American Bicentennial Committee staged an exposition that included demonstrations of ethnic dance and music and exhibits by Black craftsmen. In a special program also conducted by the Afro American Committee, several successful Black South Carolinians now living in other areas returned to the city to discuss their success with Charleston area high school students.



Meet Your Commissioners

Dewey Wise, a member of South Carolina's Bicentennial Commission, presently serves as state senator from Charleston County. A graduate of the University of South Carolina and Georgetown University Law School, Senator Wise is a member of the State and American Bar Associations.

Active in many community capacities, he has served as president of Charleston County Citizens for Clean Air and as a member of the Executive Committee of Charleston County Bar Association and is presently a member of the Clarioscopic Literary Society and St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

Senator Wise is married to the former Yancy Kemp of Newport News, Virginia. They have two children and live in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.



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A Revolutionary War cookbook, Crape Myrtle plantings and the refurbishing of the Opera House are underway in Newberry. Further Bicentennial plans call for exhibitions of old farm equipment and firearms.

Heritage projects in Sumter include the establishment of an Americana museum, a special archives room at Trinity United Methodist Church, and reprinting the *History of Sumter County*.

In Florence, a patriotic rally, "Happy Birthday America", will be held and a recreational park development created on Jefferies Creek. Florence's Little Theatre will present "The Spirit of '76."

Whitmire's Bicentennial program features special school plays and Bicentennial classroom decorations. Other plans include the placement of several historical markers and a special edition of the town's newspaper.

In Springdale, the town's Bicentennial committee plans a series of daily public service spots on the Bicentennial, and a permanent exhibit of the town's history. Tree plantings, a Bicentennial cookbook and Springdale's Bicentennial Fun-d Day are also included.

South Carolina's Hall of Fame is the focal point for much of Myrtle Beach's Bicentennial commemoration. On July 3, 1975, a block of downtown Myrtle Beach was designated as Bicentennial Square. A special Freedom Walk leading from the square to the Hall of Fame features bronze markers bearing the names of South Carolina's signers of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and the flags of the 13 original states.

Spartanburg's history will be commemorated through the restoration of the Jammie Seay

BICENTENNIAL NEWS BRIEFS

South Carolina's Bicentennial Commission has approved a \$15,000 grant to the University of South Carolina and South Carolina's Educational Television Network to begin production on an historic Revolutionary War series, "Then There Were Thirteen".

The grant will finance a 28-minute program on the Battle of King's Mountain, which will be the first in the 30 part series. Programs produced for the project will be used to provide students with three hours credit towards a degree. "The There Were Thirteen" will feature well-known historian Dr. Henry Lumpkin of the University of South Carolina.



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House and the construction of an appropriate structure to house the city's 19th century Town Clock.

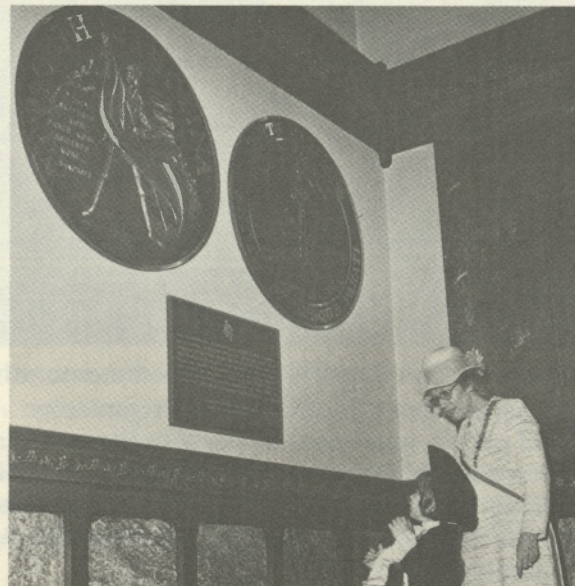
In Lexington, the construction of a new town hall, fire station and library have been designated bicentennial projects. In addition, the Thomas Corley House, Lexington's first post office, and the Hazelius House will be restored.

The 1975 Bicentennial Savings Bond Campaign began in May, when Governor James B. Edwards purchased the first Bicentennial Series E Bond sold in the state. Governor Edwards is the Honorary State Chairman of the Savings Bonds Campaign for South Carolina.

The special Bicentennial Series E Bonds went on sale throughout the Nation May 1 and will be sold until the end of 1976. In honor of the Bicentennial, the bonds have been redesigned to have commemorative vignettes such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, etc.

The Bicentennial Junior Committees of Correspondence is a program designed to unite the elementary school children across America in the spirit of the Bicentennial. By corresponding with other children in different areas of the country, the students can exchange their thoughts on the Bicentennial and describe their projects. Principals may obtain classroom teachers packets free of charge by writing to: Bicentennial Junior Committees of Correspondence, Room 5821, U. S. Postal Service, Washington, D. C. 20260.

Mrs. Olin K. Burgdorf, State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her grandson Davey admire the monumental reproductions of South Carolina's Bicentennial medallion placed in the State House as part of the DAR's Bicentennial program.



Aids to Bicentennial Planners

South Carolina's Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism has compiled a Festival Handbook designed to aid Bicentennial planners. This 100 page booklet offers advice for staging Bicentennial events on the local level. For your copy, send \$2.00 to: South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Special Projects Division, Edgar Brown Building, 1205 Pendleton St., Columbia, South Carolina 29201.



"These States" a 30 minute historical travelogue which focuses on Revolutionary War sites and events in the Carolinas, Georgia and Virginia, is now available from the State Bicentennial Commission offices. Produced by Andre de la Varre for

the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States, "These States" is the available free of charge to interested groups. This full color and sound production requires a 16mm projector. To schedule write: "These States," P. O. Box 1976, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.



South Carolina's Bicentennial office now has a limited number of Bicentennial Idea Booklets, recently published by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. National Bicentennial programs in which local communities can become involved are described and addresses for further information given. For your free copy write: ARBA Idea Booklet, P. O. Box 1976, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202.

Bicentennial Calendar

The South Carolina Travel Council, in conjunction with the State Bicentennial Commission, is now gathering information for a monthly Bicentennial Calendar of Events. Beginning in August, the calendar will be sent to all South Carolina newspapers. If your town or organization plans a special Bicentennial event, send information to: James Brannock, Director, South Carolina Travel Council, 1002 Calhoun Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Information must be submitted before the middle of the month preceding the event.



Less than one thousand of the commemorative Bicentennial automobile plates produced by the State Commission remain in stock. Five thousand plates, sand cast by hand in the colonial tradition, were produced. According to Bicentennial Director John Hills, no more of the plates will be produced. To order your commemorative tag, send \$8.50 (includes tax and postage) to: Bicentennial Auto Plate, P. O. Box 1976, Columbia, S. C. 29202.



Cutting the ribbon to dedicate the state seal of South Carolina is John E. Hills, Executive Director of South Carolina's American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, with National Park Service guide in colonial costume.

Hills Attends Dedication

Bicentennial Director John Hills represented South Carolina at the recent dedication of the Promenade of the States and the Signers Walk in Philadelphia's Independence National Historic Park.

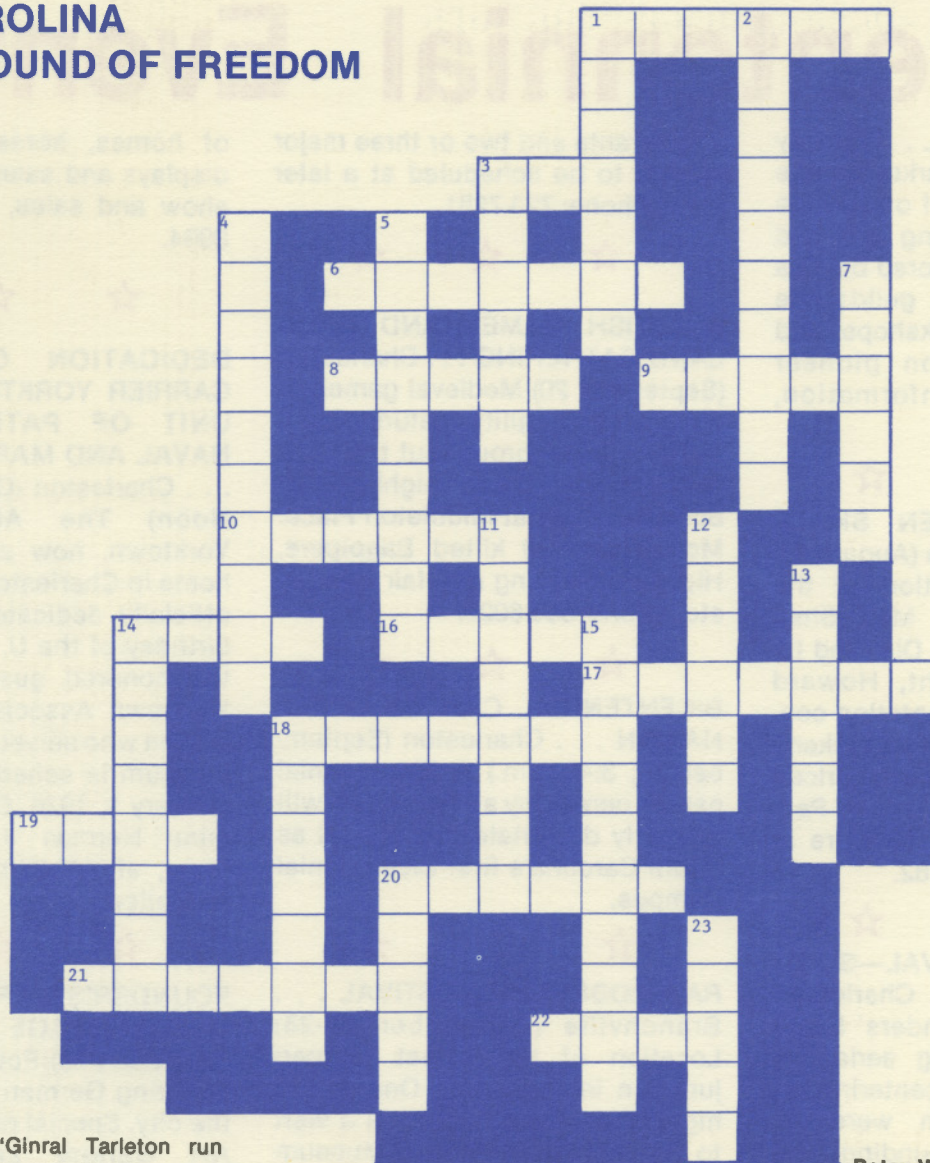
The dedication commemorated the two hundredth anniversary of the convening of the Second Continental Congress.

The Promenade of the States features 42" x 48" reproductions of the thirteen original states' official seals, suspended from arched pavillions in the park. Hills dedicated South Carolina's state seal.

Beneath each seal is a bronze tablet which carries significant information relating to the state. Since it is anticipated that eventually all fifty state seals will be reproduced, the Promenade will make it possible for visitors to the park to identify with their home states.

Another feature of the Promenade of the States is the Signers Walk, a path of bronze plaques engraved with reproductions of the pictures and signatures of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.

SOUTH CAROLINA BATTLEGROUND OF FREEDOM



DOWN

1. Battle where "Ginral Tarleton run doon the road helter-skelter."
2. Pre-Revolutionary tabby fortification on Ashley River held by British until Greene's 1781 advance to lowcountry.
3. The Swamp Fox.
4. This city's harbor was site of first major patriot victory, site of state's "Independence Hall."
5. Famous French patriot who landed at Georgetown in 1777.
7. Pee Dee area town occupied by the British in 1780.
11. One of S. C.'s 4 signers of Declaration of Independence.
12. Virginia rifleman nicknamed "Old Wagoner."
13. Gallant patriot who recovered S. C.'s flag at Sullivan's Island.
14. First Jewish soldier to give his life for cause of American freedom.
15. Patriot commander who used a "pine tree" cannon to recover Rugeley's Mill.
18. Colonist dedicated to America's independence.
20. Hero of Saratoga who met crushing defeat at Camden.
23. Hanged by British in Charleston, he became patriot martyr.

... Betsy Wolff

ACROSS

1. Patriot forces lost August 16, 1780 battle at _____.
3. 1775 _____ created by Mouzon shows state during American Revolution.
6. South Carolinian who was president of Continental Congress in 1777.
8. Title used by Bavarian Johann Kalb, a patriot commander.
9. Brave patriot daughter of American Revolution, Rebecca _____.
10. The "Fighting Gamecock."
14. 1775 campaign that took its name from the inclement weather.
16. _____ Springs, site of last major battle of Revolution in South Carolina.
17. June of 1781, Clarke, Pickens and Lee took this Georgia stronghold.
18. Patriot commander at Kettle Creek and the Ring Fight.
19. Distinctive shape of Fort at Ninety-Six.
20. Ex-Quaker commanding general of the Southern Army after Gate's removal.
21. Charleston dungeon where Patriots were imprisoned.
22. Loyalist.

Bicentennial Events

FOOTHILLS FESTIVAL . . . Easley (August 16-17) Old Market Square in Easley is the site of one of the state's most interesting arts and crafts festivals. Sponsored by area art councils and craft guilds, the festival features workshops and special emphasis on pioneer crafts. For more information, phone 654-4524.



"WHERE FREE MEN SHALL STAND" . . . Pendleton (August 22, 23, 29, 30) Presentation of the drama "Where Free Men Shall Stand" by Revis Frye. Directed by New York playwright, Howard Richardson, this presentation concerning General Andrew Pickens and other patriots of the American Revolution will take place in Pendleton's New Outdoor Theatre at 8:30 p.m. Phone 646-3782.



FOUNDERS' FESTIVAL—SCOTTISH HERITAGE . . . Charleston (September 1-30) Founders' Festivals are a continuing series of month-long festivals centering on ethnic groups which were instrumental in the founding and growth of Charleston. Special exhibits in Gibbes Art Gallery and Charleston Museum, special ethnic foods offered in local

restaurants and two or three major events to be scheduled at a later date. Phone: 723-7281.



SCOTTISH GAMES AND HIGHLAND GATHERING . . . Charleston (September 20) Medieval games of strength and agility featuring contestants from throughout the U. S. and Canada are a highlight of Scotland's day at Middleton Place. More than 100 kilned Bagpipers, Highland dancing and fair booths, etc. Phone: 556-6020.



BICENTENNIAL CAMPUS DESIGNATION . . . Charleston (September 26, 3:45 p.m.) A Bicentennial parade ceremony at the Citadel will officially designate the Citadel as South Carolina's first Bicentennial Campus.



RAYLRODE DAZE FESTIVAL . . . Branchville (September 26-28) Location of the oldest railroad junction in the world. One of the highlights of the festival is a visit to the Railroad Shrine and Museum to view the dining room where three U. S. Presidents have eaten. Other attractions include a beauty contest, street dance, parade, tour

of homes, horse show, antique displays and sales, arts and crafts show and sales, etc. Phone 274-8964.



DEDICATION OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER YORKTOWN AS FIRST UNIT OF PATRIOT'S POINT NAVAL AND MARITIME MUSEUM . . . Charleston (October 13, 12:00 Noon) The Aircraft Carrier Yorktown, now at its permanent home in Charleston Harbor, will be officially dedicated on the 200th birthday of the U. S. Navy. Among the honored guests will be the Yorktown Association, composed of men who served on the ship. The museum is scheduled to open on January 1, 1976. Contact: Rear Admiral Herman J. Kossler, USN (Ret.), at 722-2203 for further information.



FOUNDER'S FESTIVAL—GERMAN HERITAGE . . . Charleston (October 1-30) Founders' Festivals honoring German contributions to the city. Special exhibits in Gibbes Art Gallery and Charleston Museum, special ethnic foods offered in local restaurants, etc. Phone 723-7281 for further information.

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